

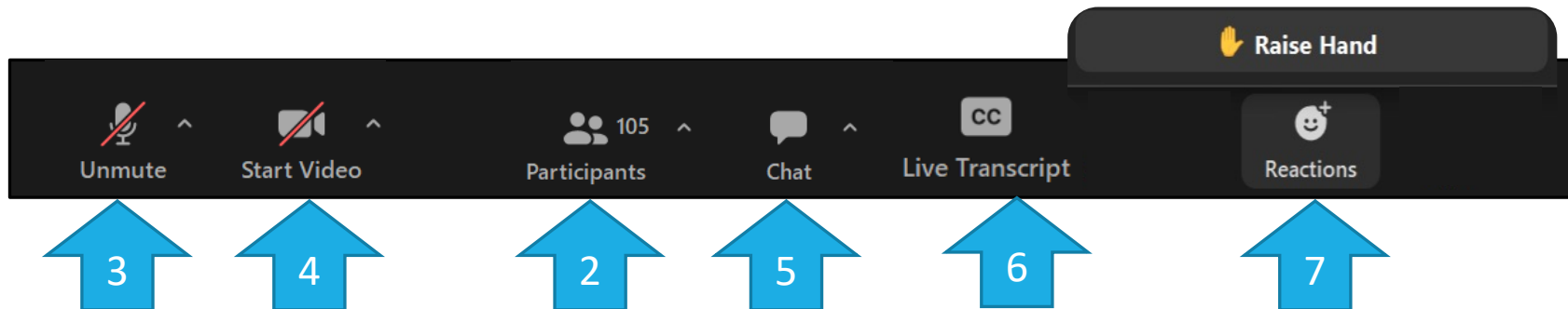


Planning For A Lifespan Project In Maine

*LIFESPAN PROJECT
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION/ LISTENING SESSION –
FALL 2022*

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Agenda

Welcome and DHHS Staff Introductions

Overview of the Lifespan Project

Next Steps

Stakeholder Meeting Schedule

Open Questions and Comments

Lifespan Benefits for Individuals with IDD and their Natural Supports

The Lifespan Project for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) would offer **different types and levels of support within a single program.**

As a person's needs change or the needs of their natural supports change, the individual could get different supports without changing programs.

- Individuals will no longer need to get on a different program's wait list in anticipation of future needs.
- Focus would be on supporting individuals and families and preventing crisis
- Planning for the future (not just next year) would be an integral part of person-centered planning

Lifespan Benefits for Individuals with IDD and their Natural Supports

Supports could begin earlier in Lifespan, with **children as young as 14 or 16 enrolling.**

Services in the early part of the Lifespan could **focus on skills for adulthood, successful transition to employment and supports to sustain families and other natural supports.**

Aligns with the strategic, collaborative work underway between OCFS and OADs to **improve the transition process** for children, adults and their families.

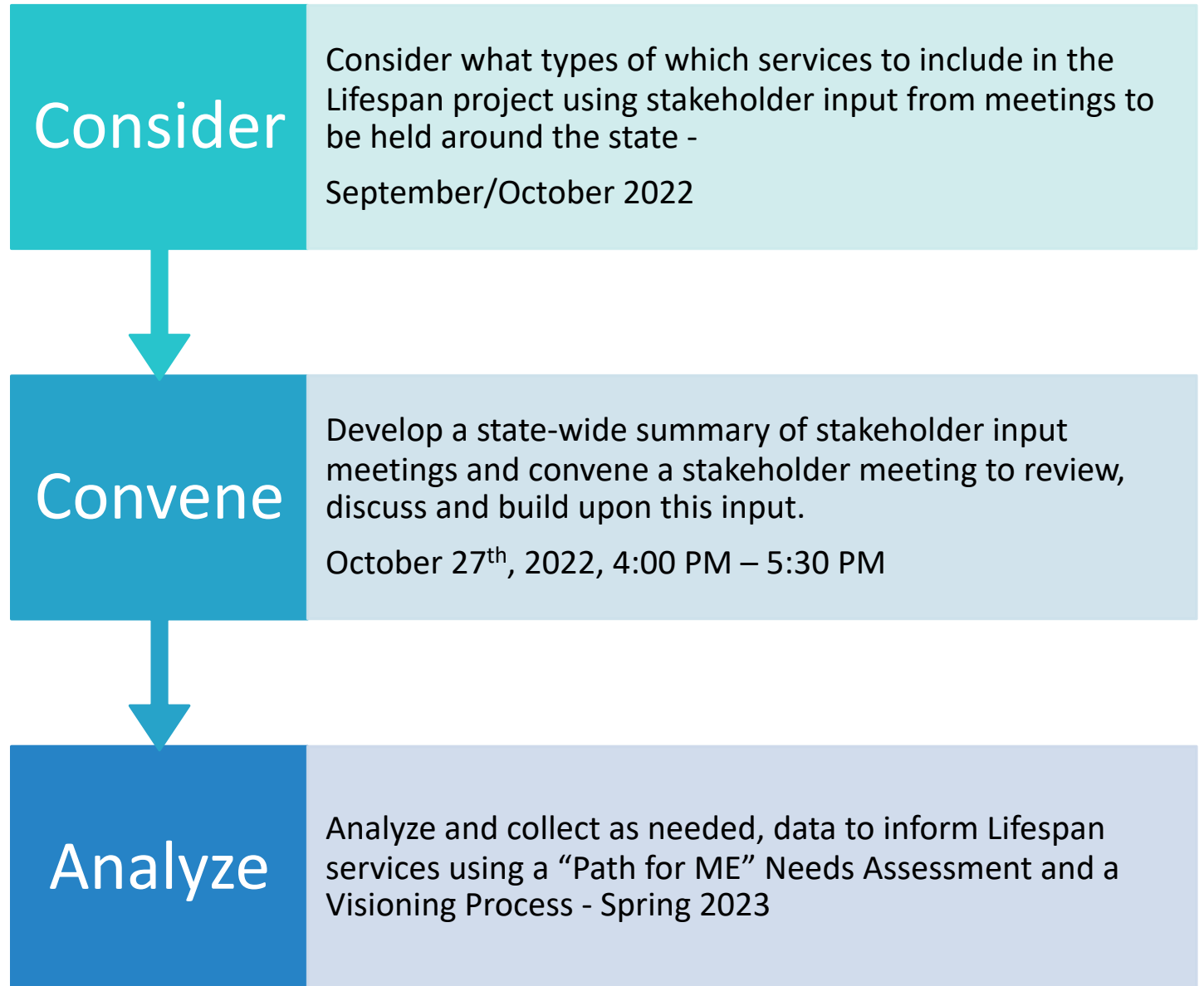
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Innovations that are under development now using Section 9817 HCBS American Rescue Plan Act funds, such as self-direction and improved mental health and other behavioral supports, could be incorporated into Lifespan design.

Other Considerations Regarding a Lifespan Project In Maine

- Individuals currently receiving Section 21 and 29 services could continue in those programs or engage in a Path For ME planning process and move to Lifespan.
- As this project unfolds, the Department will request ongoing stakeholder input.
- Desired innovations, such as tiered shared living, self direction (for children and adults), enhanced mental health and other behavioral supports and use of technology would be ideas considered among others, in the development of available services to include in Lifespan.

Next Steps: Planning for the Lifespan Project



Lifespan Project Stakeholder Meeting Schedule

We are hosting 3 sessions in 3 regions, to reach 2 key stakeholder groups: individuals/families/guardians and providers. To promote active interaction, providers will be asked to only attend the provider specific sessions.

Southern Maine (Cumberland, Sagadahoc, York):

Individuals and Families/Guardians: September 20 from 4pm to 5:30pm

Providers: September 22 from 11am to 12:30pm

Central Maine (Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford):

Individuals and Families/Guardians: September 29 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Providers: September 27 from 11am to 12:30pm

Northern Maine (Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington):

Individuals and Families/Guardians: October 4 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Providers: October 6 from 11am to 12:30pm

Questions and Comments?

Please Feel free to use the raise hand feature to comment now or you can provide comments in the chat

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